

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/769,565
Docket No. 59419-010102

REMARKS

To accommodate the USPTO and to advance prosecution, claims 52-70 (reintroduced claims corresponding to Group X), corresponding with the requirement to correct the claim numbering, have been elected. The remaining claims have been withdrawn or cancelled without prejudice. However, it is believed that the applicant's invention was defined in the original application as integral subject matter and the instant agreement made solely to advance prosecution.

Minor changes were made to the specification to make the disclosure consistent with the sequence listing. Specifically, SEQ ID NO: 19 refers to PRT of West Nile Virus. In the paragraphs where amendments are made, SEQ ID NO: 19 is incorrectly identified as belonging to Domain III. Rather SEQ ID NO: 20 and SEQ ID NO: 21 are the relevant sequences of Domain III, which is reflected in the amendment to the specification.

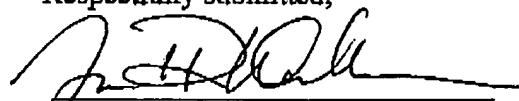
Please note that claims 53, 54, 56, 65, 67, and 68 are drawn to refer to SEQ ID NO: 20, in addition to SEQ ID NO: 21. Both SEQ ID NO: 20 and SEQ ID NO: 21 are drawn to Domain III of the envelope protein of flavivirus, which should necessitate a single search. Thus, claims drawn to both SEQ ID NO: 20 and SEQ ID NO: 21 constitute only a single invention and are consistent with the election made. It is respectfully requested that this case is in a condition for allowance and examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge the applicable amount for payment of a Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time and any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s), or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account Number 50-2638. Please ensure that Attorney Docket Number 59419-010102 is referred to when charging any payments or credits for this case.

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